COUNTY AFFAIRS.

COMMISSIONERS IN ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The Expenses of the County Reduced Many Thousands of Dollars-The Cost of the Criminal and Circuit Courts and Other County Institutions-The Board to Take a Hand in Encouraging Manufactories.

The board of commissioners held an adjourned session of their annual meeting yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All the members of the board were in attendance-Chairman Foster and Commissioners Moore, Alexander, Dempsey and Nixon.

The minutes of the meeting on Monday of last week were read and approved.

On application, Peter Wright, colored, was exempted from poll tax on account of physical infirmity.

W. R. French, clerk of the circuit criminal court, submitted his report of receipts from the fines collected during the past year, amounting to \$25, which, less his commission of \$1.25, was turned over to the county treasurer.

C. A. Foreman, justice of the peace, submitted his annual report and the same was placed on file.

Dr. Wm. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, appeared before the board and stated that in accordance with the previous action of the board, he had notified four inmates of the county home that they would be discharged after ten days' notice.

The bills for doing the stated printing for the county, were opened and referred to Clerk John W. Galloway. with instruction to compare them and award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Bidds for supplying ice to the city hospital, court house and jail, were opened and the bid of the Wilmington Ice Company, J. M. Solky, president, three days there were five. was accepted, the same being 20 cents per hundred pounds, in lots of from 10 high opinion of Atlanta and her fire deto 100 pounds for the city hospital, and 30 cents per hundred pounds for lots of 50 to 100 pounds for the jail and court

Chairman Foster called attention to the expensiveness of the heaters in the jail, court house and county home, by reason of constant repairs made necessary by burning out the grates in the ranges and heaters, and said it was the result of carelessness on the part of those in charge of the heaters. He recommended that persons in charge be made to pay the cost of repairs when the grates are burned out by the carelessness of those whose business it is to look after them. On motion of Commissioner Moore, it was so ordered. Chairman Foster said \$300 had been paid out alone for the heaters in the court house since it had been put

Mr. W. B. McKoy appeared before theb oard, and upon his request, the tax charged on piece of property belonging to Eliza Jones was abated, as it appeared that it had been listed by the person to whom it had been sued.

On motion the board appropriated \$53.49 for the purpose of enclosing the county home and yard with a wire fence, and the contract for furnishing the wire fence was let to W.A.Strauss. Chairman Foster laid before the bard his annual report, including a tabulated statement of the expenditures for county purposes during the fiscal year ending November 30th. He reports What the county expenses during the year were \$33,178.11, exclusive of \$6,525 paid on a note of \$10,000 given by the previous board and for jury tickets, etc. He stated that the expenses for the year ending November 30, 1896, were \$42,784.99, exclusive of \$4,000 paid on the \$10,000. He also called attention to the fact that during the past year extensive improvements have been made to the city hospital, the county home, the court house and the jail. He further stated that on the 1st of December the county did not owe one dollar of floating indebtedness, and onnly owes a bonded debt of \$42,-000. He remarked that at the ratio of saving under the economical management of affairs up to this time, the bonded debt could be paid off in three years. The amount of money now on

Criminal Court-Paid judge \$275; jurors \$2,354.64; witnesses, \$1,024.33; clerk, \$512.03; solicitor, \$243.50. Total, \$4,409,-

hand, he stated, is \$6,500. The total of

the year ending November 30th, was

Superior Court-Jurors, \$1,348.65; witpunesses, \$3,520; clerk, \$344.93; solicitor, 86; sheriff, \$885.65; stenographer, \$100. to tal for superior court, \$6,285.23.

eigner expenditures borne by comoners, \$708.35. Coronor, \$370.93: more theble, \$12.05; justices of peace, register of deeds, \$491.71; adg and printing, \$557.05; bridges our count ads, \$1,838.61; elections, \$494.45; hospital, \$3,717.18; superintendent health, \$1,237.50; por house, \$2,340.67; ut door poor \$5,400.02; jail, \$2,611.25; public buildings and janitor, \$2,383.06; stationery, \$323.28; naval reserves, \$300; Wilmington Light Infantry, \$300; attorney, \$321.47; tax listing, \$401.54; tax capitulation, \$500; clerk of the building committee, \$650; sheriffs of other counties, \$2.35; secret service, \$250; interest on debt, \$122.50; surveyor, \$5. Grand total, \$33,178.11.

Chairman Foster said the reduction of taxes would be a great inducement to the establishment of manufacturing industries, and suggested the appoint-

ment of a committee to co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce in securing the operation of the act exempting new manufactories from taxation from five to ten years.

Commissioner Moore suggested also the appointment of a committee by the board of aldermen to co-operate in the matter, and upon his motion the following was unanimously adopted by the board:

"Resolved, That a committee of three from this board be appointed, with the request that theboard of aldermen appoint a committee of like number from their body, to confer with the Chamber of Commerce, with the view of encouraging the establishment of new manufactories by reducing the law operative that exempts new factories from taxation for the term of five to ten years."

Chairman Foster called attention to the filthy condition of the jail yard, and on motion the clerk was instructed to call a health officer's attention to it. The board then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

"I don't know, there may be others" he said, but I have used "Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup in my family and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him. Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup has no equal. It will immediately relieve any cough or Cold, Whooping Cough, Sore throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kin dred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

Chief Schnibben Back from Atlanta

Captain Charles Schnibben, chief of Wilmington's paid fire department, returned on Sunday from Atlanta, where he spent ten days with the paid fire department of that city, getting points under Captain W. R. Joyner, the progressive and model fire chief of the south, Chief Schnibben went there and for the time being joined the Atlanta department, went to fires and took a hand at the work. For the first seven days he was there no fires occurred, but in the next

Captain Schnibben comes back with a partment, from Chief Joyner down to Z. He says they are the cleverest, most courteous, most wholesouled set of fellows that ever trod sole leather, and he cannot conjure up words sufficient to express his appreciation of the way they treated him.

Chief Schnibben will now link in to work to get the Wilmington department in the best trim possible. He finds that Captain H. P. Haney, Atlanta's efficient and practical assistant chief, who came here on the 30th of November to train in our firemen, has done fine work. and that he has the boys well in harness. Captain Haney will take his leave of us tomorrow evening, much to the regret of the many friends he has made here.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddell's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. R. R. Bel-

> Dr. DeRosset's Courtesy Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 13.

Editors Messenger:

In all that has been said of the venerable Dr. DeRosset, the one characteristic which impressed the young men most seems to have passed unnoticed. This was his marked courtesy to them. He seemed to take a peculiar pleasure in speaking to young men and making them feel that he had an interest in them. His bearing toward them was certainly calculated, if not intended, to make them feel that they were known and noted, and if noted, then observed, and if observed, weighed and estimated. This was a stimulus to make them worthy of his confidence and esteem, and cause them to realize that they were part of the social organism, with duties to perform, and obligations to discharge. We can hardly overestimate the value of such an influence on the character of the young. A young man is often made to feel that he is of small importance to the community, and that, therefore, it is of little moment how he may deport himself. There is no influence more potential to correct this evil tendency, and to cause the building of character to commence at an early age, than for our older men to make the younger ones feel that there is a community of interest between them, and that the obligations of good citizenship can best be discharged when assumed early in life. In this respect Dr. DeRosset stood conspicious among the men of our city, and it cannot be doubted that the comity existing between him and our young men was a formative influence on character and an inspiration to higher ideals. I wish to bear testifelt on my own life. He was indeed a Christian gentleman, J. A. TAYLOR.

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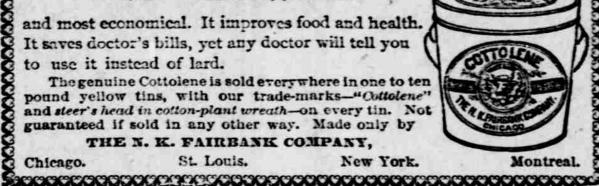
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MRS. MCKINLEY DEAD

Chicago.

The End Came at 2:30 O'clock Sunday Morning-The Funeral to Take Place This Aiternoon-The President at Her Bedside to the Last

Canton, O., December 12, Sunday .-Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley died at 2:30 o'clock this morning, at her home

She was stricken with paralysis eleven days ago and gradually sank until her death. Only her remarkable vitality enabled her to survive the attack so long. She was 88 years old.

Her son, the president, had been almost constant in his attendance at her bedside except during the brief interval when he returned to Washington for the opening session of congress.

Mr. Stewart L. Bowman, of Loraine, Ohio, husband of one of Mrs. McKinley's grandchildren, joined the family circle this morning. Her children and grandchildren, except Mrs. George B. Morris of San Francisco, a laughter of the closing scenes of life. Other relatives will come for the funeral.

In the afternoon the president and his brother, Abner McKinley, drove to beautiful West Lawn Cemetery to atburial, which will be made in the sults. family lot, where lies the body of the president's father and which adjoins the lot that for more than twenty years has contained the bodies of the president's two children.

The funeral will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. On i Tuesday evening President McKinley, his wife and officials from Washington who will attend the funeral will leave for the capital. They will arrive in

Washington about noon Wednesday. It was at first thought by the family that the services should be of a private nature and should be held at the old homestead. Soon it was learned, through the pastor of the church, and members of the congregation, as well as from other friends, that the number of persons who wished to pay their last tributes of respect by attending the obsequies, could not be accommodated with such arrangements and church services were decided upon. Rev. Dr. Manchester, the pastor, will invite the ministers of all the other Canton churches, of whom there are about thirty, to occupy the pulpit.

Pallbearers have been selected from among the older members of the First church and those who for years have been close neighbors of Mrs. McKinley. At daylight this morning, at the suggestion of some of the older members of the congregation that an old but now almost obsolete custom be observed, the

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure.' It cures coughs, colds, and all throat

bell in the tower of the church slowly

tolled off the years of Mrs. McKinley's

and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Opposed to Civil Service Washington, December 13.-The senate civil serivce committee today examined F. P. Walser, of the Fifth internal revenue district of North Carolina as to the benefit of the civil service examinations in the internal revenue service. Mr. Walser expressed the opinion that the questions of the civil service commission were impracticable and that the work was more efficient under the old system than the present. He testified that he thought it impracticable to put deputy collectors of internal revenue under the civil service rules, because of the close and confidential relations which ought to exist between the deputies and the collector. As a rule, the men who passed the examination were not fitted for the duties of the office; that is, he explained, they required other qualifications than those which might be determined by a scholastic examination. Most of the eligibles secured through civil service were young men without business experience. The examination could not determine a man's physical courage and this was important to the successful holding of the office. The witness was accretary of the board of examiners for that dis trict. He said another reason why storekeepers and gaugers should not be classified was that the pay was but \$2 a day while under assignment, and this was very uncertain. Men who could stand the scholastic examination were, as a rule, not willing to accept the office and would not help the distiller to "slop his hogs" or do chores around the still.

The witness alleged that eligibles se cured through the examination process came from other counties than those in which the distilleries were located. This violated the people's idea of home rule and was offensive to the distillers. Under cross examination the witness admitted that the deputy collectors and storekeepers and gaugers took an active

Mr. Walser is a republican and was reduced, he claimed, under the administration of Mr. Cleveland, on no other

ground than that of his politics. The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who look. after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women, Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c. per bottle. For sale by R. R. Bel-

ELECTING A PASTOR

Rev. H. T. Graham Replaces Mr. McKelway-Some Interesting Facts in Presbyterianism

(Correspondence of The Messenger) Fayetteville, N. C., December 13. Rev. A. J. McKelway preached an able sermon in the Presbyterian church yesterday morning; and, at its close, a congregational meeting was called to elect a pastor. The vote was practically unanimous for Rev. H. T. Graham, the pres-

ent assistant pastor, and the choice of an

assistant to him was left to the elders of the church. Mr. Graham, like his predecessor, is a young man, who has a record of fine missionary work in Japan, and his lovely, accomplished wife, already a great social favorite, will prove a worthy help-meet in his pastoral ministrations. The salary was fixed at \$1,200 and the manse rent free, \$200 of the \$1,200 to go to the assist-

ant's remuneration. In the discourse of yesterday morning, Mr. McKelway cited some striking facts, gathered from his work in the syn odical field. There are 250,000 white people in North Carolina unable to read, and yet there is a goodly number of these il literate ones who are actually engaged in expounding (?) the Gospel. Mecklenburg county leads in Presbyterianism, having the late David McKinley, were here for | forty churches of that denomination; Robeson county comes next with over thirty churches, while Cumberland has

between twenty and thirty. There are large areas of the state with out Presbyterian ministrations, but the home missions evangelists are invading this territory with very beneficent re-

Mrs. Murphy, wife of Captain Murphy, of the Thomas & Murphy Printing and Publishing Company, is lying critically

ill at her residence on Gillespie street.

The Colonial Dames Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 13

(For The Messenger.) The regular monthly meeting of the

North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America was held on Wednesday afternoon, December 1st, at 4 o'clock. The president presided and nineteen members answered to the roll-

Unusual interest was manifested in this meeting, it being the first one held in their assembly room, on North Front street. This room has been neatly and comfortably furnished, and a vote of thanks was extended to the committee for the satisfactory manner in which they had discharged the duty assigned to them. Annual letters from many of the sister states have been received, and most of the afternoon was spent in reading them. The society also unanimously voted that a note should be sent to Rev. Dr. Strange, thanking him for his kindness in allowing them to hold their business meetings at St. James' parish house during the past two years.

After holding a short meeting of the board of managers the society adjourned to meet again on the first Wednesday in January.

The meetings of the Literary and Social Club were resumed on last Thursday evening at the assembly room. This club will hereafter meet on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at the assembly . HISTORIAN.

The Bank of Asheville Pays Its Depositors Washington, December 13.-The shareholders of the National Bank of Asheville, N. C., which failed in October, having borrowed money on their individual guarantee sufficient to pay all demand obligations, the comptroller has permitted the bank to close up its affairs by voluntary liquidation instead of through a receiver. The plan was outlined by Deputy Comptroller Coffin, who visited Asheville for the purpose, after the failure, and by disbursing about \$60,000 cash to depositors will tend, it is said, to relieve the hardships resulting from three bank failures in that city.

Chronic Dyspepsia Cured.



FTER suffering for nearly thirty years from dyspepsia, Mrs. H. E. Dugdale, wife of a prominent business man of Warsaw, N. Y., writes: "For 28 years, I was a constant sufferer from dyspepsia and a weak stomach. The lightest food produced distress, causing severe pain and the formation of gas. No matter how careful of my diet I suffered agonizing pain after eating. I was treated by many physicians and tried numerous remedies without permanent help. Two years ago I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills and Nervine. Within a week I commenced improving, and persisting in the treatment I was soon able to eat what I liked, with no evil effects I keep them at hand and a single dose dispels any old symptoms."

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WILSON PROSPERING

Despite the Efforts Through Unlawful Proceeding of Populist County Officials to Retard Progres in County and Town (Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 13. Tobacco is still commanding high prices and the warehouses are still busy handling it. There is no doubt of the fact that this year will be a record-breaker in Wilson for both cotton and tobacco.

The populists have, it seems, given up the fight over the school committeeship in this county, and now the public schools are again open and the children of the county will not be caused to suffer because of the envious and unjust spleen of the leaders of that party in this county towards the democratic

The populists indeed have several grave charges to meet in the coming campaign.

First, their school committee was declared illegally elected by a judge representing their party.

Second, the county commissioners, two populists and one republican, paid out of the county funds the attorney's fees to prosecute the case for the populist committee. In other words, the county paid for lawyers to represent private citizens in a law suit.

Thirdly, disregarding the law, the commissioners elected as county physician Dr. Thomas Person, who was neither a licensed nor a registered physician, which the law requires him to be. However, Person, for some unknown reason, resigned and again they violated the law and elect another who, however, is licensed, but is not a member of the medical board, and he, not being able to properly attend to his duties, because of the great distance which he lives from the home and the jail, appoints Person to act for him. The atorney general has given as his opinion that neither are legally qualified to act, and as a result, another law suit is probably on foot, and again, judging from the past, they will be beaten and the county will pay the lawyers.

Fourthly, the road tax, imposed by the general assembly for Wilson and adjoining counties, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge O. H. Allen, as it exceeds the constitutional limit, and the people of the county did not vote on it.

However, they do not appear to be at all downcast by these important reverses, and still continue the even tenor of their way. Indeed it is no fault of theirs that the town continues to prosper, as they tried by every available means to get possession of that and put it in a more deplorable condition than they have imposed on themselves. Indeed it seems that law to them is law if it agrees with the ideas of themselves, and where it does not, so much the worse for the law: it must accommodate itself to them or else they try to make it so to do.

Amid it all, however, with two good strong banks and plenty of enterprise among the citizens, we expect to continue to prosper and grow.

Tonight Rev. Dr. Pittenger, of Raleigh, with the aid of the Rev. Mr. Bell, of Massachusetts, will begin a series of mission services in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, and good results are most hopefully looked forwarded to by all.

The citizens are very much pleased that the Methodist conference returned the Rev. J. B. Hurley to Wilson, as he is justly popular, and we may look forward to a continuation of his good and earnest work for another year. The new year will probably see many changes in the business world here, and one which all gladly welcome; namely, the return of Mr. Charles Blount from Wilmington, who will go in business with Mr. R. E. Townsend; may he

Thomas Bram Gets a New Trial

Washington, December 13.-In the United States supreme court today an opinion was handed down by Justice White in the case of Thomas Bram, under sentence of death by the United States circuit court for the Massachusetts district. The death sentence was passed upon Bram, for the murder of Captain Nash, of the bark Herbert Fuller. Indictments are still against him for the murder of Mate Blomberg and Mrs. Nash who were killed at the

The decision of the circuit court was reversed on the ground that the lower court erred in admitting Bram's statement to a detective in Halifax, which they decided was not made voluntarily. Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Brewer and Brown dissented from the opinion of the majority of the court.

The vessel on which the tragedy occurred was bound from Boston to South Amerca and after the crime was discovered her course was changed and the first landing made at Halifax. A seaman named Brown was first arrested by his shipmates charged with the commission of the crime and afterward actuated by a statement of Brown's they also took Bram into custody. When the vessel reached Halifax, the United States consul there, after an investigation sent Bram to Boston for trial.

Anti-Foot Bali Bill in Virginia Legislature

Richmond, Va., December 13.-The committee to which had been referred Sneator Barksdale's anti-foot ball bill, today decided to report the bill favorably, the vote standing five to four. There were a number of young ladies present during the discussion of the bill by the committee, and they applauded viborously everything that was said in foot bail's behalf. Senator Barksdale said there had been a disposition in some quarters to ridiculethe bill, but he had offered it in good faith and intended to keep up the fight for it. He contended that the game of foot ball was brutal, and that there should be a law to break up the sport. Petitions from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Young Womans' Christian Association were read urging that the assembly pass the

Mrs. Virginia Morgan Robinson, whose son was severely hurt in a game at the University of Virginia last year and has since been an invalid, was present, and said that, while her son had been hurt in a foot ball game, she did not think that the sport was danerous, and she was not in favor of breaking it up.

Delegate Duke, of Albemarle, made the closing appeal against the bill. He said foot ball was a matter not to be prohibited by law, but if the parents did not want their boys to play, they had a remedy already.

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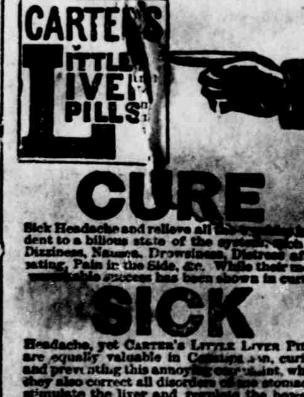
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